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Miss Universe Crowns Queen

CHRIS CHRISTENS SANDRA 'MISS TORRANCE OF 1953'

A Queen Crowns a Queen



CHRISTIANE MARTEL, MISS UNIVERSE OF 1953, here places the crown on Sandra Lea Constance thus making her Miss Torrance of 1953. Surrounding the two queens are the other finalists (left to right): Pat Pierce, 3rd; Ella Mae McLeod, 1st; Miss Universe; Miss Torrance; Mary Ann Notman, 4th; and Miss Frieda Kittrel, 2nd.

Four Others Named

Torrance has a new queen for another year! Miss Sandra Lea Constance, all sweetness and light, was officially made Miss Torrance of 1953 as another queen, captivating Christiane Martel, Miss Universe of 1953, placed the crown and royal robe upon the lovely local beauty at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night.

Tension mounted as it became evident that angelic Sandra Lea Constance or exotic Ella Mae McLeod would be queen or the first runner-up.

As Miss Constance was named, she could not hold back tears of joy. She tried to say something to the audience but her words were lost in emotion. The two top contestants shook hands warmly.

The sparkling, 16-year old, golden-haired queen was first among four other finalists, who were: 1st, Miss Ella Mae McLeod, 16, Gay Shop; 2nd, Miss Frieda Kittrel, 17, B-R Cleaners; 3rd, Miss Pat Pierce, 16, Food King Market; 4th, Miss Mary Ann Notman, Lawson's Jewelers. Miss Constance was sponsored by La Galeria Florist.

Miss Western Auto Supply, Margaret Epefano, was mentioned as a fifth runner-up.

Following the crowning, Miss Universe—the vivacious 18-year old Christiane Martel—addressed a few words of congratulations to

Safeway Store Buys Site at Carson-Western

A Safeway Store will be located on the south-east corner of Western and Carson at a total cost of \$64,000, it has been rumored.

A gas station and a new house are located there at the present time. The party owning the house got a consideration of \$19,000 for his property, which cost him \$9000 a year ago.

A barbershop is still blinding out and it was reported that the grocery store will by-pass it by building around it.

Neon Sign Dance Set Next Week

There'll be dancing in the streets next Friday, August 28, when Torrance celebrates the official turning on of the new neon sign to be located at Western ave. and Torrance Blvd.

The "dancing in the streets" isn't just a figure of speech, either. El Prado will be roped off from Sartori to Cravens for dancing from 9 p.m. till midnight.

Manny Harmon and his Movieband will make with the music almost for dead certain, Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced.

Refreshment booths and carnival booths will line the street as 12

LOMITA RESIDENTS PETITION FOR BETTER WATER SERVICE

Lomita residents will present a petition for increased water pressure at a public hearing before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California to be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 26 in the L. A. Mirror Building, 145 S. Spring st., it was announced.

Residents will present this petition in order to be assured better service as a result of the increased service charge being asked by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2.

The changed rate will reduce the water delivered for \$1.25 from 800 to 500 cu. ft.

Residents in the Lomita and Torrance area serviced by the above company have complained

AH, THERE IS GOOD FOOD TONITE

Today is the day for the Community Supper sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 219 at the Sav-Mart grocery store at 23401 S. Western. Supper will be served from 4 to 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. R. Robertson, scout troop coordinator.

There will be "prizes and surprises" and all you can eat, Mrs. Robertson stated. The menu calls for beef stew, chili, vegetables, bread, ice cream, cake, coffee, and lemonade.

The following prizes will be awarded: first place, a steam iron; second place, a set of dishes; third place, a stationery.

Additional prizes include jewelry, groceries, and others. Winners need not be present at the time the awards are made.

Tickets to the dinner are being sold now by the scouts or may be bought at the store or from Mrs. Robertson, FA. 8-7385.

Entertainment will feature Dusty Walker, famed western star, and Steve Niland and his celebrated cane.

Plans for this supper recall the successful scout breakfast held recently.

Charles Delcurto, owner of Sav-Mart and Roy Boltz, manager, anticipate lots of enthused "supper guests."

Passer-by Comes to Man's Aid

When an unidentified citizen applied pressure to a pressure point to stop the flow of blood, he probably saved the life of Louis Hastings, 69, who was struck and severely injured by a car at Cabrillo and Gramercy ayes. Friday night.

Hastings, who lives at 21920 Halldale, was hit by a car driven by Robert Gamby Ross, 16, a Torrance resident.

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Tips to Press Chairmen On Good News Reporting

Soon churches, P-TA's, and the various clubs and groups will be buzzing with activity again. They will want publicity and the Torrance Press will be glad to give them all coverage.

The following points should be kept in mind in getting the best and most efficient coverage possible:

- 1) ABSOLUTELY MOST IMPORTANT—this paper comes out every Thursday. The closer you get to Tuesday in submitting your material, the worse it is. The best days for sending in copy and having it processed are (in order): Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday.
- 2) Type your story on white paper in size 8 1/2 x 11 inches.
- 3) In the upper left-hand corner

Employers' Council Gets New Office

New headquarters of the Employers' Council are located at 1731 Border ave. The new quarters provide double the office and meeting space and ample auto parking in the rear.

Entrance to the parking lot can be made either from 218th st. or Carson st., in the alley between Cabrillo ave. and Border ave.

Telephone numbers will remain the same as they are, and the mail address, P. O. Box 368, is unchanged.

Plans for an open house and tour of inspection will be announced soon, stated Frank S. Selover, executive secretary.

10" TV Set Complains of Lost Charm

Objects talk, just like human beings. Those who have listened closely know.

"Nobody wants me," said the two-piece living room set despondently.

"You should talk," replied the 10-inch TV set. "Why, there's not a soul alive who'll still look at me. They'd sooner listen to a radio," the TV set scoffed.

James Lynch, their owner, 1953 257th st., knew that his and their problem could be solved easily by some sure-fire publicity through the Torrance Press Classifieds:

FOR SALE: 2 pc. liv. rm. set, 10-inch RCA television, \$25. Exc. cond. DA 6-5251

Immediate success was predictable. The owner was happy because he sold what he no longer wanted. And the objects lost their profound inferiority complexes because they found themselves wanted again.

OIL!

Torrance Airport Opened for Bids

That's oil in that tar field! The rush for black gold is on! Bids are open to anyone. The area involved? The Torrance Municipal Airport (Highway 101, between Madison st. and Hillworth ave.). There's profit there for one and all — with the exception of the city of Torrance!

Torrance leased the airport from the U. S. government. Unfortunately the contract provided that Torrance would have all rights to the property — EXCLUSIVE of oil and mineral rights, according to City Manager George Stevens.

"I understand there has been quite a bit of interest in that area (the airport)," Stevens said when asked what the possibilities of a rich strike were. "There's also been an application of variance in the Ellinwood property with regard to oil," the city manager continued. "The matter was to come before the Planning Commission this week. They will either act on the variance or refer it to the council."

The closer details of all this commotion are as follows.

Rights For Lease
The General Services Administration has given notice that oil and mineral rights (except fissionable material) underlying the airport land are now offered for lease through sealed bids.

About 385 acres are involved. The oil and mineral rights are offered for lease subject to any existing agreements, easements, and rights-of-way.

Slant Drilling
The oil is to be extracted from adjacent premises through slant-drilling, the type of drilling quite common along coastal oil deposits. The lease calls for drilling to a depth of 500 feet.

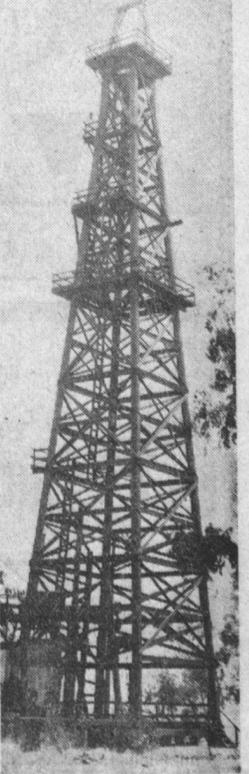
All bids for lease must be submitted on a General Services Administration bid form which particularly describes the property, states in full the terms and conditions of the lease and sets forth instructions to bidders.

Open to Public
This offer is being made to the general public and no priority will be recognized. Application for bid forms, statement of terms and conditions of lease and description of property may be made at: General Services Administration, 49 Fourth street, San Francisco 3, California or 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California.

Deadlines
Sealed bids will be received at the Los Angeles office only until 3 p.m., Pacific Daylight time, September 3, 1953 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

General Services Administration reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

The property has been screened against the known defense plans and other requirements of the Government.



BLACK GOLD . . .

CITY PASSES BEACH LAW

A 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and parking restrictions have been passed upon the Torrance Beach area which until now has been the focal point of wild living and irresponsible practices.

An urgency ordinance drawn up by City Attorney James Hall was passed unanimously at the City Council's adjournment meeting last Wednesday.

Torrance police will check the area regularly and enforce the curfew strictly. Cars parked on Paseo de la Playa, Paseo de la Concha, and Avenida de las Flores will be cited or hauled away if they are still found on these streets after the curfew hour, Police Chief John H. Stroh announced.

Beach Gang Beats Youth

"I want my nickel," threatened the tall, husky youth. He was one of a group of about 30 girls and 20 fellows of the Keystone Gang who had surrounded a beach party of six one night on Torrance Beach.

The husky one confronted one of the fellows of the beach party, which was composed of three fellows and three girls. "I want my nickel," the threat was repeated.

"I don't know what you mean," the youth replied. Suddenly a blow was struck. The youth never recalled who did it. He lapsed into unconsciousness and only remembered being dragged into the water and receiving repeated blows and kicks around the face. His girl friend rescued him after the gang fled.

He continued vomiting from the time of the beating until the next day. One whole side of his face was completely crushed. The face was swollen and one eye completely closed and blackened. The cheek had to be wired together.

The boy, who suffered from naturally bad vision in one eye, has had his good vision permanently impaired as a result of this beating. In purely monetary terms, this beating has already cost \$1000.

Such is the story told by the mother of the victim. She is upset because no positive steps have been taken to punish the offenders although the incident took place over a month ago and some of the individuals involved have been identified.

The comment which probably provoked the brutal beating was one supposedly made by one of the marines in the beach party. "Here's a nickel, call me up when you get a bit older," the marine was supposed to have said to two passing girls who happened to be part of the gang. The boy suffering the severe beating had not heard the original remark apparently.

The marine was also attacked, the outcome being a broken nose and loosened teeth.

Police Chief John Stroh said that the matter had been turned over to the District Attorney's office and that it was up to them to take action, as far as he was concerned.

He said that his men had investigated the case and that they did a fine piece of detective work in uncovering as much about the incident as they did.

The Chief said that there were some other sides to this matter still, but did not elaborate. He thought that it was the 18-year-old boy and not the marine who had made the "nickel" comment and that one, not three, had attacked him.

Robert S. Antram, chief deputy for the District Attorney, was away on vacation. There was no comment from his office at this time except that a detailed record concerning the case was on file.



SANDRA LEA CONSTANCE
... Miss Torrance '53

DELIVERY SERVICE EXTENDED

Authorization for the extension of postal delivery service has just been received from Washington, D. C., announced George Hannan, superintendent of mails for Torrance.

The extension will take effect Monday, August 24. Foot deliveries will be extended as follows:

Marion, Louise, Theo and Juan ayes., 4300-5000 blocks, inclusive; Mayor dr., 4600-4800;

Ardith, Wilkie, Castmir, Kristin ayes., 16800-16900, inclusive;

West 166th, 2500-2800, inclusive; South Ermanita, South Faysmith, South Patronella, 16600-16700, inclusive;

West 166th, 3200-3400, inclusive; West 168th, 3200-3500, inclusive; Western ave., 20500-20700, inclusive;

West 206th, 1500-1600, inclusive; West 207th, 1500-1600, inclusive. (Continued on Page 2)

Employers To Reopen Agreement

Food employer members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council have given notice to Retail Clerks Local 905 of their desire to reopen for amendment and alteration the Food Agreement with the local union which expires Nov. 1, 1953, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

The food employers held a general meeting recently to discuss the agreement and the alterations which the employers will propose, and at that time decided to give notice of reopening.

It is reported that the clerks employed under the food agreement will meet tonight (Thursday, August 20), to discuss the food agreement. The meeting was called by Barclay Mitchell, acting secretary-treasurer of Local 905.



ALL YOU CAN EAT . . . is the assurance given all who come to the Boy Scout Community Supper to be held tonight at the Sav-Mart grocery store. While Nori Hanaoka (left, seated) and Michael Gurrola look happy and dreamy about their unlimited possibilities, Leo Robertson (standing, left) and William Wells, Jr. have a hard time getting used to the idea that you get all that food for only one ticket. They would like to do something about it, but can't—officially!